

SUMMARY OF OBSERVATIONS INSPECTION OF PHILADELPHIA SCHOOL DISTRICT

BETWEEN 08/12/04 AND 03/17/05 INSPECTOR HARRY BOPYER INSPECTED 37 SCHOOLS ALL RANDOMLY SELECTED AND THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE WHERE THERE AHERA FILES ARE KEPT AT 25TH & SCHUYKILL.

1. DISTRICT HAD COMPLETED LAST 3 YR IN JANUARY 2004, AND IT WAS NOT YET PUBLISHED. NO SCHOOL HAS A COPY IN HAND.

2. MOST SCHOOLS WERE NOT PERFORMING ANNUAL NOTIFICATIONS

3. ALMOST ALL OF THE SCHOOLS HAD LOST PARTS OF THEIR MANAGEMENT PLANS AND THEY WERE NOT REPLACED, NOR DID PERSONNEL AT THE SCHOOL NECESSARILY REALIZE THEY DIDN'T HAVE A COMPLETE FILE. NONE BUT 1 SCHOOL HAD COPIES OF 6 MONTH SURVEILLANCES. AGAIN ALMOST ALL HAD LOST COPIES OF RESPONSE ACTION INFORMATION INCLUDING AIR CLEARANCES, WASTE MANIFESTS, WHO DID THE WORK?

4. MOST SCHOOLS HAVE NO RECORDS OF TRAINING FOR CUSTODIANS AND MAINTENANCE PERSONNEL. THE DESIGNATED PERSON DOES NOT HAVE A FILE IT IS KEPT IN A TRAINING SECTION SOMEWHERE, WHO DID NOT RESPOND TO FREQUENT TELEPHONE CALLS. MOST BUILDING ENGINEERS AND CUSTODIANS QUESTIONED CLAIMED TO HAVE HAD NO TRAINING, OR SOME TRAINING SOME YEARS AGO. MOST PRINCIPALS HAD NO IDEA OF WHAT TRAINING WAS REQUIRED

5. MOST PRINCIPALS SHUNTED THIS INSPECTOR TO THE BUILDING ENGINEER TO CONDUCT THE INSPECTION EVEN THOUGH THEY ALSO RECEIVE A COMPLETE SET OF MANAGEMENT PLANS INCLUDING ADDITIONAL PAGES AS PUBLISHED.

6. AT ONE TIME THE DISTRICT HAD 6-8 COMPANIES ON CONTRACT FOR MANAGEMENT OF AHERA, IT IS NOW DOWN TO 3 COMPANIES DURING THE EARLIER YEARS UP TO 2000 THERE WERE NUMEROUS OCCASIONS WHERE DURING AN INSPECTION IN 92 A PROBLEM WAS NOTED WITH HIGH PRIORITY GIVEN TO REQUIRED RESPONSE, AND THIS SAME DEFECT APPEARED IN 94-95, 97-98 AND SOMETIMES IN 2000, NO 2003 BOOKS AVAILABLE IN SCHOOL TO CHECK IF IT STILL OCCURRED. FLUNK AHERA AND WORKER PROTECTION